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- 1. The military quarter in Gdynia is now centered in an area which includes the "Etap Emigracyjny", the area adjacent to Grabowek, which lies somewhat to the west, and the afforested hilly region lying south of Grabowek.
- 2. Barracks, which had been built many years ago in the "Etap Emigracyjny" to house emigrants awaiting departure abroad, have been rebuilt for military purposes. Many new wooden barracks, as well as storage buildings, have been erected on concrete or brick foundations. A number of the buildings are yet incomplete and others have but recently been raised on the foundations.
- 3. The entire civilian population formerly residing in this area has been evacuated, and the entire area, including the afforested sector, has been enclosed with: barbed wire. There are a number of entrance gates in the barbed wire barrier, with two sentries at each post to check the individuals entering and leaving the enclosure. Workers employed on various projects in the area have special permits, issued by the state Military Building Firm (Wojskowe Przedsiebiorstwo Budowlane), and these permits are stamped and signed by the garrison command of Gdynia. Entrance to this forbidden area is possible only with such a permit.
- 4. A number of the buildings and barracks are already occupied by troops; the Polish Navy is billetted in the eastern portion of the area, which includes the "Etap Emigracyjny"; the antiaircraft artillery troops are billetted in the western portion of the area, which includes Grabowek.
- 5. Based on observations of troop movements, it is estimated that there are at least 2,500 soldiers in this area; more than half of this number are naval personnel.
- 6. Approximately eight to twelve heavy concrete antiaircraft artillery positions are located in various places in the area at the base of the hills, on the hillsides, and directly behind the buildings to the south. Other antiaircraft artillery emplacements are in process of construction.

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Antiaircraft guns of 105 mm caliber are already mounted on the emplacements; informant reports that he was told that these are the largest antiaircraft guns produced in the Soviet Union. Many underground bunkers, shelters, and ammunition magazines have been built into the hillsides.

7. A number of small military units have been located in the Gdynia military area for a considerable time, but additional troops arrived in the area after the completion of the autumn maneuvers. Informant is not able to give any figures as to the number of military units in the sector.

reported that there were 20 antiaircraft artillery positions located south of Grabowek.

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